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WEEKEND WEATHER

Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
90 68 40%	84 67 50%	88 67 30%

Source: <http://weather.com>

NUMBER CRUNCH

1,120

Number of students the incoming freshmen class.

Source: www.gcsu.edu

Gone but not forgotten

A teammate and a friend is lost



SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE

Cross country runner and sophomore John Bruner of Dalton, Ga. died Aug. 4, 2007, at a charity race in Chattanooga, Tenn. of a heart attack. The team looks to regroup this weekend in Augusta at their first meet of the season.

John Bruner 1988-2007

BY DEVIN VERNICK
SENIOR REPORTER

John Bruner always finished strong. GCSU students, athletes and faculty were shocked when they heard Bruner didn't finish his last race.

A GCSU student-athlete, Bruner's promising cross-country career ended tragically Aug. 4, 2007. Doctors reported that an undiagnosed abnormal coronary artery caused the heart attack that killed Bruner, who collapsed during a 4.7 mile charity race held in Chattanooga, Tenn.

A strong teammate

During Bruner's senior year at Dalton high school, he was captain of the cross-country team.

Bruner enrolled as a freshman during the Fall of 2006 and, upon arriving, determined himself to excel as a new student and a new member of the men's cross-country team. He succeeded in both, being a regular starter for the team and took 20th place at the Peach Belt Conference Championship in October.

Affectionately known by his teammates as "lil' John," the 5-foot-7-inch Bruner welcomed the challenge of NCAA competition. Well liked and respected by coach Joe Samprone for his attitude and work ethic, Bruner kept everyone running hard.

"You want your run-

ner to be solid enough to push the top five guys," said Samprone. "As a freshman, that's pretty good."

Bruner went into every race with the intention to push his teammates the best way he could by running strong.

"He was a good kid and had a winning personality," said Samprone. "No one knows why these things happen, we're just glad to have been able to spend a year with him."

Teammate Alex Pate, like his fellow runners, still feels that something—or someone is strongly missing from practice.

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Campus becomes chaotic as parking keeps dwindling

BY AMY GILBERT
STAFF WRITER

Another year at GCSU and another blow to student parking, as a new two-hour parking enforcement was put into place by the city of Milledgeville on various streets around downtown starting Aug. 13.

Streets affected include Wayne Street, Jefferson Street, Elbert Street, Montgomery Street, McIntosh Street, and Hancock Street, which are enforced from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

GCSU has been working with the city of Milledgeville for months to solve the issue brought up by the merchants of downtown Milledgeville due to a lack of space for business parking.

After the city courthouse was allowed the top deck of the parking deck as private parking, the business parking was forced onto the streets. They found a decline in business due to a conflict in student parking and customer parking so the issue was brought to the City Marshall, Jack Graham.

Wednesday Aug. 8, just a week before classes

began, GCSU found itself in a situation when it noticed the city posting the new two-hour parking signs. The parking had already been allotted for the following school year without the thought of this plan going into affect so soon.

The new parking spots for commuters have been pushed to the streets, the exterior of the Kilpatrick parking lot, and the lot located on East Montgomery and North Wilkinson. The university has given the Ellis Street lot and the interior lot of Kilpatrick to employees since they will benefit the most from an all-day parking spot.

"Parking and transportation have been trying to solve the parking issues brought to their attention by students," Greg Brown, the manager of parking and transportation at GCSU said. "One step the school is discussing to take in order to help aid the parking problem is by giving the Kilpatrick lot back to commuters."

The school has found

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PHOTO BY KATEY FOLLETT

Milledgeville made four streets in the city two-hour parking zones including traffic-heavy streets Hancock and Montgomery.

Convocation symbolizes tradition

BY ROCHELLE SMALLS
STAFF WRITER

Tradition is something that has and always will be a part of the American culture. From saying the pledge of allegiance to celebrating the independence of our country, traditions help develop the true essence of our beliefs.

With such a high standard for becoming a world leader, it is quite evident that GCSU would also have important tradi-

tions. This school was founded on the principles of Reason, Respect, and Responsibility, which are values that are instilled in every student.

In addition to the 3 Rs, the Freshman Convocation is a ceremony that every GCSU freshman experiences. The symbolic meaning that takes place during this event embraces the hearts of everyone that is involved.

Walking through the

Pergola, the dome-topped structure between Atkinson and Terrell, passing around candles, and listening to an inspirational speaker have become a warm welcome set of traditions that are encountered by faculty, staff, and students.

Dr. Bruce Harshbarger, Vice President and Dean of Students, describes Convocation as an event of "beginning and end." Harshbarger believes, since the Pergola is locat-

ed approximately at the center of the campus, it is a perfect representation of the actual footsteps an incoming freshman takes.

Freshmen leave the external world and enter the GCSU community through the heart of the campus. After four years of being molded into future leaders of the world, those same students exit through the

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GCSU climbs in the rankings

BY KATIE HUSTON
STAFF WRITER

GCSU continues an upward trend in U.S. News & World Report's annual rankings of "America's Best Colleges." Placing 18th in last year's report in "Top Public Universities" for Master's degrees in the South, GCSU moves up three spots to 15th and, among both public and private universities in the South, has jumped from 50th to 38th.

The report aims to assist students with their search for the right college. Schools are ranked in areas for quality and best overall value. The rankings provide a source to view differences in potential colleges.

Mike Augustine, director of admissions at GCSU, started working with the

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PHOTO BY JAMES ODOM

The freshman gather on front campus to take part in the convocation on Aug. 14 marking their official entrance into GCSU.

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Ken Vance appointed to POST

BY LAUREN McDONALD
STAFF WRITER

Ken Vance left GCSU after serving 22 years as the Director, or "Chief," of Public Safety last Tuesday, Aug. 14.

His resignation follows his appointment by Governor Sonny Perdue as Executive Director of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council.

Vance's new position, which began Aug. 15, is based out of Clarkdale, Ga. but will allow Vance to continue to operate out of, and spend time in, Milledgeville. Also, Vance has served on the

Milledgeville City Council for the past 26 years and will be able to finish out his term while beginning his new position at the POST.

Dave Groseclose, the assistant vice president for Human Service and Budget, is currently acting as the interim director of Public Safety.

Deputy Director of Public Safety, Richard Goodson, was appointed as interim chief by University President Dorothy Leland while a national search for Vance's replacement is ongoing.

"I am extremely pleased with Mr. Groseclose's acting in that capacity in the short term," Vance said of

Groseclose.

The remainder of the Public Safety staff is expected to stay the same. Goodson served under Vance for the last ten years.

"Chief Vance saw to it that we had the equipment that we needed and the training that we needed to approach the new year," Goodson said of Vance's preparation over the summer before leaving for his new position.

Vance will miss GCSU as he graduated from here.

"I've been extremely fortunate to have gotten a degree here, gotten married here, worked most of my adult life here, and raised a family here," Vance said.

"This place will always be home."

Vance is well-known around campus as the Chief with the tie-dye shirt.

"I have worked with him on several occasions and he has always been a very supportive and involved member of the GCSU community," said senior Political Science major Justin Mays.

Vance's farewell to students includes encouragement to get to know the officers and personnel at Public Safety, to make good life choices and, finally, "Be safe, be responsible and remember the chant that begins, 'No Means No.'"



Photo Special to The Colonnade
Ken Vance, former chief of Public Safety, leaves after 22 years to serve as Executive Director of Georgia POST

Freshman enrollment steadily rises

BY MATT JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

With a record freshman enrollment this year of 1,120, nearly 100 more than last year, GCSU is threatening of heading away from its small college appeal. This year the GCSU family allowed a higher number of freshmen into the fall semester than ever before, showing a 55 percent yield rate as opposed to last year's 50 percent yield.

Despite these growing numbers the school has no plans to fund additional housing which could mean even more freshman living in The Village at West Campus in the future. Just over 900 freshmen currently live on campus in the dorms, leaving over 200 new students to fill up spots in the West Campus apartments.

The majority of freshmen that were asked about life in The Village responded with similar responses, namely that although the freedom of apartment life might be more appealing than dorms, the remoteness of West Campus life is hard to appreciate.

Freshman and resident of The Village, Anna Williams, was forced to live on West Campus.

"I did not have a choice when I applied, but if I had the choice I would have picked the dorms," Williams said. "I hate having to catch the shuttle just to go to class."

It is not safe to say, however, that all freshmen shared the same view of the housing situation, and many students said that they were glad to be able to live in an apartment in their first year, even with the difficulty of taking the shuttle everywhere.

Director of Admissions,



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY DRAKE SIMONS
Freshman Mandy Labra sits out on front campus between classes to study for a biology class. Labra came to GCSU because of the college's reasonable tuition cost, newer dorms, and small town feel.

Mike Augustine, said that the problem is not that the school is admitting more each year.

"It's not that we are letting in more freshman than usual, it is more that the percentage of freshmen accepting our offers has increased," Augustine said.

This leads to questions about the future of the school in terms of intimacy. As many of the students at GCSU are well aware, the college has always prided itself on small class sizes and an intimate setting between students and professors.

"I don't think the amount of freshmen we are accepting this year has had an impact on the intimacy of the school," Augustine said. "It has affected class sizes and number of seats available, but the atmosphere of the school will not be tainted."

Associate Director of Housing Bill Frowine backed up this statement.

"The problem is in Academic space, not hous-

ing. As the class size grows, so does the faculty size," Frowine said.

The school has always aimed for admittance of 1,050 to 1,070 freshmen and even with the new record of students this year, it has not strayed far from the school's goal. Augustine defended the increase in students.

"This is the most well-credentialed class in the school's history, and we have been able to say that for the past few years, and we hope to continue to be able to say it each year," Augustine said.

As long as the standards of the students continue to increase, the school should continue to accept more and more freshmen in the future, but from Mr. Augustine's view on admittance, the school will always retain its intimacy, even if more and more of the incoming students will be forced to ride the shuttle all the way from West Campus.

Parking

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that employees of the school have utilized only about half of both Kilpatrick and Ellis Street lots.

Tickets have not been issued yet, due to code enforcement, and only warnings have been given and will be issued for 30 days, which started Aug. 13.

"The new parking transition will be enforced by employees chalking the tires every two hours," Brown said.

GCSU is also looking into buying a computer system with cameras to be set up in the streets to help monitor the two-hour policy, but have not yet made any final decisions. Until then, students are left to

drive around campus numerous times in order to find that one lucky spot.

"Parking is such a hassle," sophomore Bailey Abercrombie said. "You have to drive around for 30 minutes until a spot opens. It's basically gambling whether or not you'll be on time to class by driving up there."

Other alternatives include parking in the parking deck downtown for only \$1 the first hour, and 50 cents every hour after the first hour, walking to campus, or riding the shuttle. The campus shuttle runs every ten minutes from 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. From 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., it runs every 30 minutes. After 9:00 p.m. the shuttle is on-call for pick-up. Commuters also have the choice to park at the Centennial Center.

Students are highly encouraged to voice opinions or concerns about the new parking policy by contacting the Student Government Association representative and Student Body president, Ryan Greene, who has been monitoring this process very closely. The parking and transportation department has been working diligently to find the best answer to this parking dilemma that will benefit the most people.

"Come to Student Government Association meetings," Greene said. "In order to fix things on campus there needs to be a uniform body of students who all gather together to express the issue. Campus parking and transportation will be more likely to hear out a group of people than just one individual."

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GCSU students Chelsea Losh, Taylor Mills, Isabel Reynolds, Katie Krieger, Bobby Jones, Meredith Carpenter, Justin Hester, and Marcus Tillmon band together to celebrate GCSU's new ranking in the Top Public Universities in the South category by forming the number 15.

Rankings

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school when it was just a Senior College.

"A lot of students and families use these guides to help them with their college search to try to narrow down the different lists," he said. "So, I think these guides can be used as an aid to help people with their search and with our particular ranking. Families can see that we are one of the select schools in Georgia and in the top 15 Public Master's Universities in the South."

Schools are categorized based on mission and location. There are 61 schools in GCSU's group of ranking, 28 of which are public universities. "The South is really a large territory," Augustine said, who watched as the school acquired its Public Liberal Arts status in the late '90's.

"(Then) we really worked to transform our image in the eyes of the state and improve our standings in the university system. So now, our goal is to try to gain regional and national exposure as well," he said. "We're working to

get us on more of a national stage with other liberal arts schools."

Freshman acceptance is on a steady rise at GCSU. However, gaining national recognition without a dramatic increase in student body population is possible.

Jessica McClung is a sophomore and finds herself unimpressed with how large each freshman class seems to be.

"I'm critical of how many (the administration) lets in," she said. "One of the things that attracted me most was the smaller size of the school."

Augustine makes clear that the goal of the school is not to acquire more and more students and that the school's mission statement is not at risk.

"Not necessarily larger (population) but I think just the way we can try to shape the incoming class with students of different backgrounds and diverse student bodies," Augustine said. "(The administration is) working to enhance the profile of the institution as far as being recognized in academic circles and research circles and taking our students to research conferences where the name Georgia College can

get out there."

With rankings on the rise, it does not mean that a decrease next year would necessarily be a bad thing.

"It just may mean that somebody else did something a little differently one year. You know if you look at the top ones like Princeton and Harvard and Yale, it seems like they're always just kind of shuffling around but they're still excellent schools," Augustine said. "I guess that's always the case. The higher up you go there's the law of diminishing returns."

Augustine is looking for the trend to continue and sees no reason why it would not.

"I just think this is an indicator to show that we are making progress."

To be ranked, schools must be accredited regionally and have an enrollment of at least 200 students. The report gathers criticism from institutions that feel it drastically favors private universities. U.S. News & World Report's stance remains to rank each school based on the same set of criteria, keeping the results objective each year. The complete report may be seen at www.usnews.com.

Auxiliary services adds new items to the menu

By CHELSEA THOMAS
STAFF WRITER

This fall Sodexo added Dining Dollars and changed CatCash, bringing about confusion to students around campus. Students are stumped as to the significance of these changes.

Every student has the option of buying one of five meal plans each semester. With that meal plan comes Dining Dollars, previously known as CatCash.

Last January, Auxiliary Services brought up the idea whether another type of account should be organized for the students wanting to dine off campus where Dining Dollars could not go, altering the use of CatCash.

"We needed an elaborate plan to make it all work successfully," Executive Director of Auxiliary Services, Kyle Cullars, said.

On a specifically chosen Meal Plan there comes a certain amount of Dining Dollars. With those Dining Dollars a student can eat at all on campus facilities. These facilities include: MSU Dining Hall, Chick-fil-a, Books & Brew Starbucks Café, Grill 155, The Village Market, The Ice Box, and Einstein Bros. Bagels.

The amount of Dining Dollars available to each student depends on the Meal Plan purchased.

CatCash is all money personally deposited to a cardholder's Bobcat Card that is not associated with the meal plan. CatCash can be used at over 20 different locations. It can be used at Subway, Chili's, IHOP, Luigi's Pizza, Domino's Pizza, CVS Pharmacy, Cuts by Angels Hair Salon, Zaxby's, Laundry machines in Residence Halls, Copy Vending in the Library, Barberito's, Printing in Computer Lab, and all dining establishments on campus.

CatCash can serve as a substitute for Dining Dollars on campus. However, Dining Dollars cannot substitute for CatCash.

"The easiest way to remember the difference between the two is that Dining Dollars is only for your Meal Plan on campus," Cullars explained.

If at any time a student needs to add

money to their CatCash account they can go to the Bobcat Card Office, the GCSU Business Office, the Online Card Office (www.gcsu.edu/bobcatcard), or any value transfer station on campus. Dining Dollars and CatCash act as debit cards.

Also, all Dining Dollars and CatCash funds roll forward indefinitely. Therefore any left over money will remain in the account for the next semester. Upon graduation, or withdrawal from the university, students will be refunded for balances above \$20. For additional questions call 478-445-CARD.

"I was really confused about the difference between CatCash and Dining Dollars when I first came to GCSU," freshman Melanie Wooten said. "But now that I understand the system I find it meets all my needs."

Overall, the system was designed to allow students to have control. CatCash is a voluntary account and easy to manage. With a buffet of meal plans and a useful system for all other dining- What else could students possibly need?

At a glance

Cat Cash

1. Subway,
2. Chili's,
3. IHOP,
4. Luigi's Pizza,
5. Domino's Pizza,
6. CVS Pharmacy,
7. Cuts by Angels Hair Salon,
8. Zaxby's,
9. Laundry machines in Residence Halls,
10. Copy Vending in the Library,
11. Barberito's,
12. Printing in Computer Lab,

Dinning Dollars

1. MSU Dining Hall,
2. Chick-fil-a,
3. Blimpie
4. Books & Brew Starbucks Café,
5. Grill 155,
6. The Village Market,
7. The Ice Box,
8. Einstein Bros. Bagels.

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Transportation services creates shopping shuttle to save students money

BY DANIELLE BRANTLEY
STAFF WRITER

For Martin Wachira, carpooling, vanpooling and shuttling are convenient alternatives to gas guzzling. But he does not ride the shuttle to dodge searching for a parking spot on campus, or carpool to cut back on gas.

In fact, Wachira, an international graduate student, does not have a car. He rides the shuttle because he has to.

"I go shopping with my friends since I don't have a car," Wachira said. "For the holidays I don't stay on campus. In December, I visit with my friends and family in Kenya."

Wachira is one of many international students at GCSU who may benefit from the launch of the new Shopping Shuttle on May 12 to transport students from Maxwell Student Union, The Village at West Campus and Centennial Village to the Milledgeville Mall and Wal-Mart plaza.

"(The Shopping Shuttle) came at a pretty convenient time for me. Now I can get my groceries," Wachira said.

Darryl Richardson, Transportation Services coordinator, says students with and without cars should take advantage of the shuttle to save on fuel costs and prevent wear and tear on vehicles.

James Green, GCSU sophomore computer science major, has a car, but rides the West Campus shuttle to class almost everyday.

"I believe that the shuttle is very beneficial," he said. "Especially during the summer time with gas getting high you don't have to worry about wasting gas."

One ride on the Shopping Shuttle is cheaper than a gallon of gas in Georgia. The average price



ILLUSTRATION SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE

The shopping shuttle, which started this summer, travels on the weekends to the mall and Wal-Mart for a small fee.

for a gallon of regular gasoline in Georgia is \$2.65, according to the American Automobile Association's Daily Fuel Gauge Report.

The price for one ride on the Shopping Shuttle is 83 cents, Richardson said. The average price for a one-way cab ride to Wal-Mart is \$5.

"Purchase a \$20 (ride card) and get 24 rides for 83 cents a ride. Say you take 10 rides, that's \$8.30. Compare that to 10 rides in a taxicab," Richardson said.

Depending on how often students go to the store a \$20 ride card "may last the whole semester."

Students can purchase shopping shuttle ride cards at GCSU bookstores, The Village Market at West Campus and at the Parking & Transportation Services office at West Campus.

After three years of anticipation, planning and negotiation, the Shopping Shuttle will continue to run as long as there is a need for the service.

According to a GCSU press release, the need for a shopping shuttle service came from international students who did not have driver's licenses and relied on cabs.

However, insurance issues prevented the shuttle from running in 2004; until the Board of Regents of the

University System of Georgia reevaluated the insurance policy.

Now, students will have two hours to browse in the mall or grab some groceries from Wal-Mart.

Marcus Green, GCSU sophomore accounting major, only rode the shopping shuttle once.

"Having it available is convenient. The every two hour wait, I don't mind. I can take my time and spend two hours in Wal-Mart," he said.

Madeline Kimbakala, GCSU international graduate student, regularly rides the West Campus shuttle to class, but does not plan to ride the shopping shuttle.

"If I just want to go to Wal-Mart I ride with my roommates or friends," she said.

In the middle of the fall semester, there may be some incentives for students to ride the Shopping Shuttle, said Greg Brown, manager of Transportation Services.

"Depending on the demand, we may look into increasing the hours of the shuttle to evenings during the weekdays, but the prices are as low as they can go right now," he said.

For some student drivers, shuttling may become a convenient alternative to gas guzzling.

Bruner

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"He always ran hard and if I slowed down, he sped up and kept me going," Pate said.

A strong friend

Bruner could be easily spotted coming in the distance—his bright red Mustang convertible was hard to miss.

Bonnie Ueltzen first met John during Week of Welcome last fall. Like Bruner, she was a freshman resident of Adams Hall and a member of the women's cross country

team. Ueltzen would often hold the privilege of riding shotgun in Bruner's Mustang to practice.

Ueltzen, and several other close friends, were planning on spending another year with Bruner, all living on the same floor in Napier Hall.

"He was open to anybody, he wasn't always around one clique of people," said Ueltzen. "John was so accepting, and I admired that."

A strong legacy

"Looking at his parents in the eye was the hardest part—you couldn't say anything except, 'I love John,'" Pate said.

The men's cross country team served as honorary pallbearers during Bruner's funeral.

Hundreds gathered in Dalton, Ga. for Bruner's viewing. Samprone waited nearly an hour to get inside and say good-bye to his runner—and friend.

Pate and his teammates know they will honor their friend this season. At the viewing, Bruner's father told Pate to 'be strong' and that 'John was going to be running with them this year.'

They hope to run strong, and follow the example set by their fallen teammate.



PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE

John Bruner finished 20th place at the Peach Belt Conference Championship in October

Convocation

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Pergola towards the external world at the Commencement ceremony.

Having personally experienced the tradition of Convocation and Commencement, Karen Farmer, a current graduate student and former undergrad student of GCSU, knows exactly how it feels to be involved in these ceremonies.

"I felt privileged because I knew there would be so many diverse opportunities for me to succeed, make a difference, and grow as an individual," said Farmer.

Convocation gives everyone a different first impression, and these impressions open doors to an experience unlike any other.

"At my Convocation ceremony where I was eager yet clueless as to what I was going to get myself into, I realized college isn't just about academics," said Farmer.

"It's a challenge of personal change and growth. I believe this achievement concluded my undergraduate experience to its fullest, and I am now prepared to continue my education for a Master's



PHOTO BY JAMES ODOM

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, who was recently on the cover of "Vanity Fair" spoke at the freshman convocation on Aug. 14.

degree."

In addition to the Pergola, passing of the candles is a tradition that allows students, faculty, and staff a chance to get to know one another. As a candle is passed, so is information such as one's name, hometown and maybe even hobbies. This forms a connection with people from different backgrounds and cultures. Through this ceremony the bonds in the GCSU community grow and the traditions strengthen.

During this year's convocation, the inspirational speaker was Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, who was recently on the cover of "Vanity Fair." She is the Nigerian author of "Purple Hibiscus," which was also the assigned summer reading. Her novel discusses independ-

ence, poverty, love and self-awareness.

The themes of her novel are very relevant to the lives of many Americans. Having read "Purple Hibiscus," one's heart becomes touched by an amazing revelation that connects all people: community.

After hearing Ms. Adichie, Laura Cox, a freshman who attended convocation, felt that "as members of the GCSU community we are given a chance to add and accept different cultural aspects." Cox appreciates Adichie for opening her eyes to that opportunity. Just as stated by Cox, Georgia College & State University is appreciative of any opportunity to create a tradition of community that encourages diversity and accepts all.

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11 a.m. - 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. CETL Steering Committee, 115 Beeson Hall
Free Zumba Session, East Court, Centennial Center
9 a.m. - 5p. m. New Faculty Exhibition: "Unearthed" by Emily Gomez, Blackbridge Hall
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. "Let Us Now Praise the Rom": Documentary Photography by Karen Graffeo, University Museum

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Labor Day Holiday

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Public Safety Report



Student arrested for possession of firearms

A 22-year old Kennesaw man was arrested by GCSU police officers on August 23 for possession of firearms on campus after university police received an anonymous tip at 10 p.m. Officers responded to Foundation Hall and arrested the subject after a search of his vehicle revealed that he possessed three loaded handguns and several boxes of ammunition.

After the initial contact with the subject, officers searched the subjects vehicle and confiscated handguns, ammunition, four knives and two opened bottles of alcoholic beverages. The subject also consented to have his apartment on West Campus searched, where officers confiscated additional ammunition.

The subject has been placed on suspension pending a hearing. He has also been prohibited from returning to university property and charged with three counts of possessing firearms on school grounds and was taken to the Baldwin County Jail

Driver flees the scene, unlucky passenger removed at gunpoint

On August 17, at 2:25 a.m. Officer Reonas observed a vehicle on Hancock St. with no headlights. A traffic stop was initiated

and when the vehicle stopped, the driver exited the vehicle and ran from the scene. The passenger was removed from the vehicle at gunpoint. GCSU and Milledgeville police officers searched the area, but the subject was not found. While speaking with the passenger, Officer Reonas could detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. The passenger was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with Underage Possession of Alcohol. Old Capitol Wrecker towed the vehicle and a hold was placed on it until the owner is located. A warrant for Obstruction of Police was taken on the subject, who remains at large.

Another arrest on account of drunken and reckless driving

On August 29, at approximately 2:05 a.m., Officer Pissott observed a vehicle swerve into the westbound lane of traffic on Hancock St. The vehicle then turned north on Jefferson St. and continued at a high speed. The vehicle turned right onto Montgomery St. at a red light where turning on red is prohibited. A traffic stop was conducted and contact made with the driver. While speaking to the subject, Officer Pissott observed that he had watery and bloodshot eyes, very slurred speech and very slow movement. She also detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. The subject registered .267 when tested on the Intoxilyzer 5000. The subject was arrested and transported to Milledgeville Police Department and charged with DUI and Failure to Obey a Traffic Control Device.

Information compiled
by Jamie Fleming

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NOW HEAR THIS

Sodexho

Sodexho is hosting "Healthy Glow Day on September 5 in the Maxwell Student Union dining room. The event is for faculty and staff.

New group for working moms

The Women's Resource Center with Counseling Services is starting a Working Moms group.

This group is an opportunity to get to know one another and support each other

as working moms. Moms can feel free to drop in whenever they can.

This group will meet every other Tuesday from 12-12:45 p.m. and will be held in 143 Maxwell Student Union.

For more information, call Jennifer Graham Stephens at x 8156. This group is open to staff, faculty and students.

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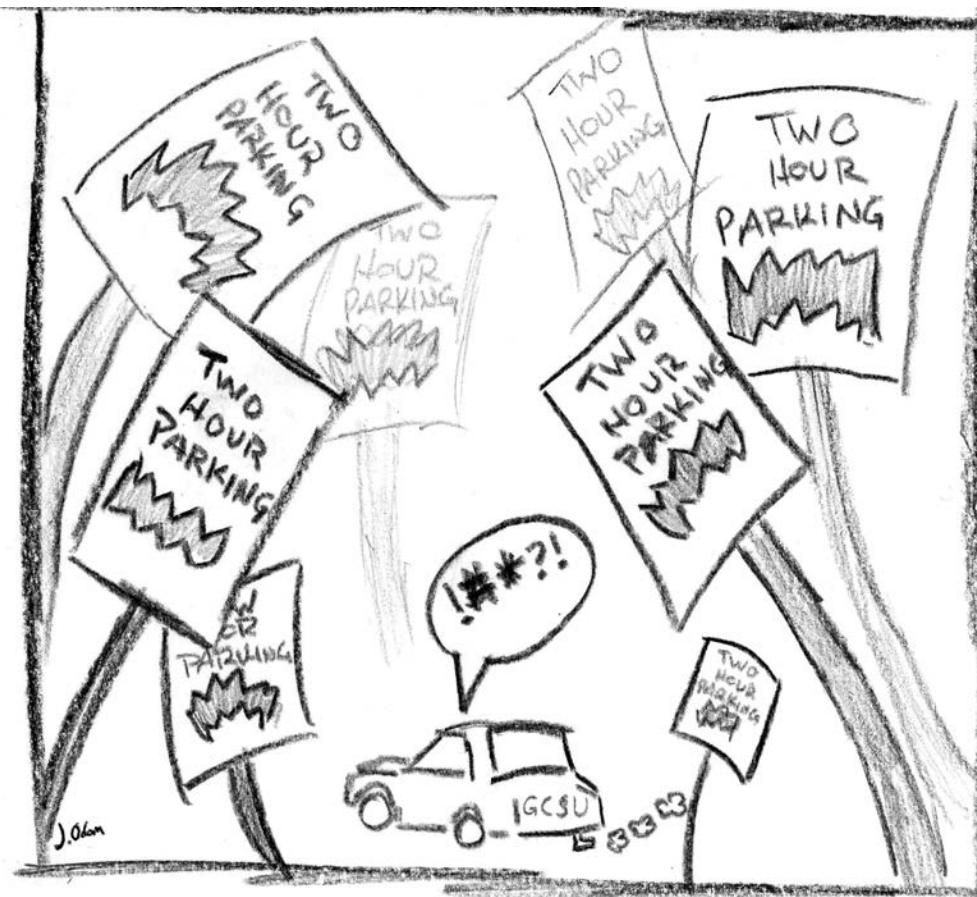
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THE HARD PRESS

BY JAMES ODOM



Ron Paul: freedoms candidate



BY ANDREW ADAMS
COLUMNIST

In just two weeks, the most important American document ever written will turn 220 years old. The Constitution, drafted on September 17, 1787, will celebrate over 200 years of freedom. But this freedom hasn't come cheaply. The largest losses, of course, were the heroes lost in the wars both foreign and domestic.

Unfortunately, some people don't recognize the importance of this document. Most Americans don't even take the time to learn their rights and freedoms. In Iraq, voting turnout soars over 80 percent with men and women risking life and limb to vote and boast of their proof of voting, a purple index finger. In the United States, an election is called an overwhelming success if voting turnout cracks 60 percent, while 70 percent

would be a political science major's fantasy.

One of the major reasons some Americans might be apathetic to voting is that they feel none of the candidates support the Constitution. The republicans have supported suspending the constitutionally supported writ of habeas corpus, the right of a prisoner to a court hearing which can determine if their imprisonment is lawful or not, and democrats constantly try to argue that socialized medicine is a constitutional right. Republican and democratic presidents have both declared wars in an unconstitutional manner. If you want a fun fact, the U.S. hasn't technically declared war since World War II.

With the republicans and democrats running crazy, with largely unconstitutional big spending ideas, it is very difficult to be excited about the election next year. Even I found myself trying to figure out who was the lesser of all the evils. That was until I heard about Ron Paul.

Ron Paul is an obstetrician from Texas who has spent twenty years as a congressman. At 72 years old, Paul has the oldest and best ideas for America. His ideas come from one

place, the Constitution. Democrats talk about emotion. Republicans talk about values. Paul talks about the Constitution. Among the most amazing facts about Paul is that in his ten terms as a U.S. Congressman he has never voted to raise taxes, never voted for an unbalanced budget, and never voted to raise congressional pay or to expand the powers of the president.

Paul is running for the republican nomination, but has views that can unite democrats with him. He voted against the war in Iraq, the Patriot Act, and every single Iraq supplementary spending bill for which President Bush has asked. With the nation becoming more worried about the war in Iraq with each passing day, the republicans would be wise to nominate a candidate that has been against the war from the start.

If you appreciate the Constitution and the freedoms and liberties that it affords us then I strongly recommend looking into Paul as your candidate of choice. With more cash on hand than republican front-runner John McCain, and a vastly growing Internet support base, Paul could be the surprise candidate that this nation

needs.

There's no question that Americans need to be more involved in the voting process. We, as a nation need to realize that the men and women that we vote for at the local, state and national level have a direct impact on our lives. Most Americans complain that they're just too busy on election Tuesday that they don't have the time to vote. But with the full week of early voting that every state has had in effect the last several years this is no longer a viable excuse.

Other Americans will claim that the Republican and Democratic Parties are so similar it doesn't really matter who wins, and third party candidates are all but guaranteed to lose so there is no reason voting. Regardless, people should still vote. By voting for a third party candidate you would be putting that party on the map more, and, if all the people that used that excuse took the same action, that party might be able to seriously compete in the future. Alexander Hamilton said that "those who stand for nothing fall for anything."

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Our Voice

In with the new. Lots of new.

Another school year, a new freshman class, and new faces. Lots of new faces. Approximately 1,200 of them. Plenty of positive aspects result from this. For example, Fridays on campus are not as dead as usual. The incoming class has really set new record highs for GPA and SAT scores. The downside?

Well, Dr. Dorothy Leland, said that we will continue to be the Georgia's premier public liberal arts university when she became the school's president. The school has exceeded those expectations earning various prestigious recognitions in such publications like Newsweek Best Colleges Report and the Princeton Review.

GCSU states in its website that "students are endowed with both information and values through small classes, interdisciplinary studies, close association with the faculty and staff in and beyond the classroom." Yet GCSU seems to have forgotten or at least set in the back burners is the increasing size of the campus population.

The numbers speak for itself. In 2005, the freshman class was at 1,035. In 2006, the numbers increased slightly to 1,065. This year's entering freshmen is 1,120. These numbers do not include transfer students, and the high retention rate the university has enjoyed in recent years.

No numbers are necessary to prove that there is a significant increase in the freshmen class size this year. One can tell this by the crowds that now ride the shuttles. Not so long ago, the shuttles would tackle their busiest loads in the morning. Now, the shuttles are busy during school hours. The school has also moved some Freshmen to The Village at West Campus, and Sororities turned down many hopefuls during Rush Week this year.

Maybe, some of the upperclassmen would be less apprehensive if the increasing size came with a football team to cheer. Unfortunately, the promise of higher standards and small community feel is lost in translation after students experience faculty shortages in some departments, fuller lecture classes, crowded shuttles, diminishing living space.

Shouldn't the freshman class size be somewhat constant and not increasing to balance the scenery out?

The problem is that it is nearly impossible for GCSU to expand any further in the Milledgeville area. Already there is a new building in Macon for expansion, and perhaps more support will be needed there in the future. From what we've heard, parking is no picnic there either.

Due to being located in a historic district, GCSU can't build parking garages, have no further room to expand, and can't renovate certain buildings to accommodate the larger crowds. And if the recent trends are continued, we're going to keep growing.

Is the school on it's way to becoming the next UGA? We hope not.

If it is, at least give us the necessary faculty resources. And a football team.

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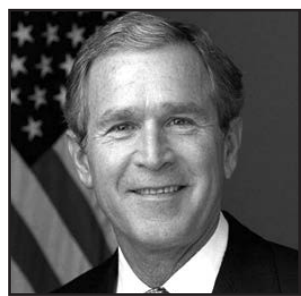
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City makes it painful to park

Dear editor,

As most of you are now painfully aware the parking situation at GCSU has become absurd.

A result of many issues: construction, new city policy, and a general lack of space to begin with, it seems as though the solution the administration came up with falls far short of logical.

The problem is not with the city's new plan, as the school is located in an urban area, and the local businesses deserve a fair share of parking. Nor is it upsetting that the teachers have exclusivity to the only lots near campus, they at least deserve a good spot for the work that they do.

That being said, something sinister is taking place. A vast portion of the student body is being exploited and taken advantage of by the very people whom are supposed to be looking out for us. Many students commute to this campus everyday just to attend GCSU. I myself spend over \$50 and almost 10 hours travel time every week driving from my home in Macon. The school offers up a solution by issuing, at an additional fee of \$40, commuter permits hypothetically granting a space in close proximity to the campus for those who purchase one.

The problem is that this year they turned the former commuter lot (Peabody) into employee only, leaving a diminutive amount of spaces a block away from campus for commuters. I have driven here everyday for two weeks now, and have yet to park in a space that I paid good money for, and I'm not alone.

As I scrambled to find a spot anywhere, two details became sadly apparent. The newly employee exclusive Peabody lot has been less than half full every day for two weeks now, and yesterday I counted 34 students parked on the side of the road, \$40 commuter tags dangling from their rearview. Do the math and that's close to \$1,500 used to buy a nonexistent advantage.

No biggie, I'll just run down to the parking office get a refund, and park in the free lot which is no farther from the library than the so-called commuter spots. NO DEAL!!! The school is issuing no refunds for these purchases, a new tough-luck policy that seems to be sweeping the nation. The worst part of it all is that the money that is not being refunded to the students, or going into building a parking deck where Peabody is or buying land nearby for more lots, rather it is going into the four daily

patrols of ticketers.

Yes, you've seen them, they're the ones in the \$4,000 golf cart with computerized ticketing machines. Someone has to pay the security guard making sure no student dares park in the employee lot. And if you are unfortunate enough to receive a ticket from the school you will be shelling out \$30. Funny as the city only sees it necessary to charge \$10.

My point is that we the students are being taken advantage of. We already have to deal with so many stresses in school; why must this administration top it off with the frustration of finding somewhere to leave your car? I have had less problems parking at Georgia State, and it's in downtown Atlanta. All we ask is for a solution that includes everyone. Why not allow the empty spaces in Peabody to be used by the handful of students that live outside Milledgeville?

The problem affects us all as students, as it is a simple example of how the administration feels they can get away with whatever they find acceptable. That is not right and something must be done.

Sincerely,

Chris Price
Senior

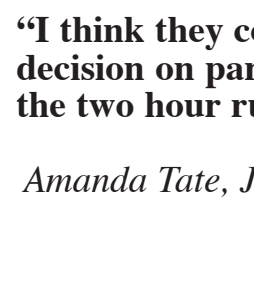


How do you feel about the changes to parking around campus?



"It doesn't really affect me because I'm close enough to campus to walk, so I never drive."

Randi Noble, Junior, Mass Communication



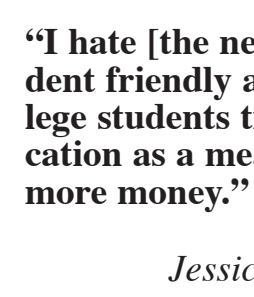
"I think they could have made a better decision on parking in general, especially the two hour rule."

Amanda Tate, Junior, Business Management



"I don't mind it [the parking changes], I wipe the chalk mark off my tire and then they don't know how long I've been there... just kidding. But really."

Katey Elliott, Senior, Liberal Studies



"I hate [the new changes]. It's not student friendly and its not fair to use college students trying to get a higher education as a means for the city to make more money."

Jessica Robinson, Junior, Rhetoric



"This is unfair considering commuter parking is so far away from campus now."

Megan Seals, Sophomore, Middle Grades Education

Reported by Katey Follett

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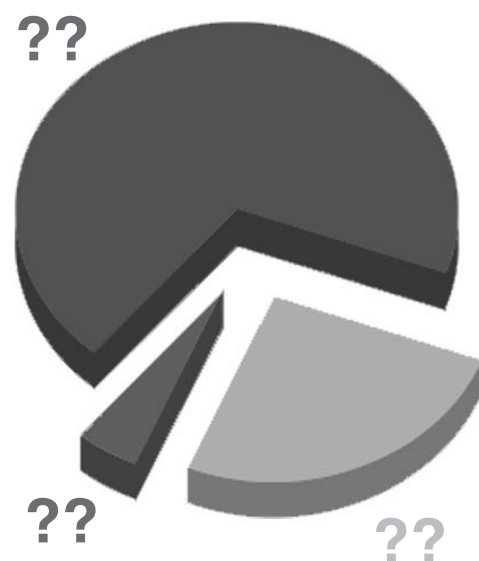
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POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY LEE SANDOW

Poll of the Week

There was no poll last week! Starting with this issue of The Colonnade, we will ask students a question each week and feature the results in the next issue of the paper.



We want YOUR feedback!

Also, The Colonnade wants to know what you like when you read. Starting this semester, we will allow you to vote each week to determine what kind of articles you liked and would like to see more. This will help us to better serve you and the subjects you find to be most important.

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I am surprised all of these new freshmen got into college when it's obvious they can't figure out the red hand means DON'T WALK. I am going to make an example out of the next one that walks in front of my car!

I'm so glad to be back in Milledgeville!!!

I hate life.

I don't know what's more pathetic: the fact that a quote from a Yu-Gi-Oh! fanwork made it into The Litter Box or that I recognized where it was from.

I almost feel bad for my English teacher...he'll never see me sober or without a hangover

Okay, sorority girls. I have a question. So does wearing blue, matching t-shirts inhibit your ability to cross streets in a group on bid day? Or are you just that out of it. No one cares about bid day... except for the throngs of horny frat boys trailing behind you. Because, you know, when sorority girls congregate idiots like them are more likely to get laid.

With each passing semester, the shuttle route gets more aggravating.

One bookstore, two registers, 60+ irritated students in line. I am clearly not the only at this university who needs help in the math area.

Is it just me or has the Bobcat shuttle gotten even slower?

I wonder if I park at the police station, they'll think they already got me for over 2 hour parking...

Is it bad that before VT, the guy with the guns woulda' been told "hey, it's a southerner thing"...Post VT? Get your guns.

Ever open the door of your car and there are ants in it? I hope the sun bakes them to hell.

You know what's funny? Cingular claims to have the fewest dropped calls, but why does my call get dropped when I call their customer service.

Want to vent about something? Send us a message about what's bothering you to screen name ColonnadeVent. Comments can be sent anytime, any day of the week.

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The Colonnade's Guide to Art and Entertainment

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Lights, camera, action!



March 18, 1935 - Theatre opens in downtown Milledgeville to 5,000 ecstatic townsfolk. Opening night included six vaudeville acts and one feature film, Frank Capra's "Broadway Bill," starring Warner Baxter and Myma Joy.

BY BROOKE WILLIAMS
SENIOR REPORTER

In 1935, advertisements for the grand opening of the Campus Theatre in downtown Milledgeville boasted it was one of the finest shows in the South. An article in The Union-Recorder written three days after the March 18, 1935, opening estimated that 5,000 people flocked downtown to take part in the event.

Over 70 years later, GCSU has proposed a plan for the theatre that would restore the exterior to its original grandeur, which made it the center of downtown for decades. The plan also gives the GCSU theatre department additional room, flexibility and an environment more conducive to entertaining the community.

The Campus Theatre closed its doors in 1983 when the Martin Movie Company moved to a more suburban theater in the Hatcher Square Mall. Four years later Randall Hattaway, Milledgeville resident and realtor, bought the theater to use as office space and still owns it today. Hattaway recalled trips to the theater as a child.

"I use to come and watch the westerns,"

Hattaway said. "My daddy would give me a dime and that was my admission and I still had enough left over for some candy."

In the 24 years since the Campus Theatre showed its last movie, the building has served as a church and a music venue. But the theater has not been occupied in recent years.

After almost two years of planning, GCSU announced in a press release on August 2, its proposal to reopen the Campus Theatre.

"Where this came from is that we have been looking at several different properties downtown to provide for a need that we had, a primary need for theatre space and teaching space," said Kyle Cullars, executive director of Auxiliary Services at GCSU. "This was the best property to meet our needs."

The proposal calls for converting the interior into a "black box" performance theatre as well as a retail bookstore. "We needed a way to pay for this project so we decided to recentralize our bookstore to help with some of the costs," Cullars said.

The black box theatre will make seating versatile.

"This is a word we use

that means you can configure the theatre to make it fit any particular seating style," said Brock Fisher, assistant professor of theatre and interim theatre chair. "We can change the seats around and make it what we would call proscenium style which is a traditional seating arrangement where the audience is on one side and the performers are on the other. We could also do theatre in the round, where the audience surrounds the action, or we could do any other arrangement."

Even though the plan is still in its early stages the addition of the Campus Theatre would have a lot of benefits for the theatre department at GCSU.

"Where this is helpful for us is recruitment," Fisher said. "Right now we work in a building that is over a century old so it's really difficult to recruit in such a vintage building especially for a technical theatre major. They want everything state of the art, and they want to work in a theatre that is similar to one they would have in the professional world. A new theatre would provide that for them. So it really is kind of a bright new day in GCSU theatre."

Many students, not nec-

essarily involved in theatre, view the proposal as positive growth for GCSU and for downtown business.

"Everyone walks by the theater all the time and says, 'Wow, that place could be really cool,'" said Tiffany Shoham, a junior chemistry and biology major. "The school's plan would be really great for the community and for theatre at GCSU. Also, instead of putting up that big screen on the lawn to show movies, maybe they could put a screen in the theater where there is air condition and seating."

GCSU still has some steps to go before it can begin negotiations on purchasing the Campus Theatre. The proposal now has to be approved by the Board of Regents of the State University System. If everything is approved and the university did purchase the theatre, Cullars predicted an opening no earlier than summer 2009.

After years of silence in a building made for noise, laughter and life, the Campus Theatre may possibly awaken from its deep slumber. If the GCSU proposal were to materialize, the building may once again be one of the finest shows in the South.

Corey Smith lives "The Good Life" at GCSU

BY ANA MARIA LUGO
SENIOR REPORTER

College experiences can get you somewhere. Just ask singer-songwriter Corey Smith and the legions of loyal fans that have come to love and appreciate current college anthems such as "Twenty-One," "The Wreckage" and "Drinkin' Again." His songs have filled countless venues and induced full-blown sing-alongs. Smith has become a household name among college students and all over the South. Smith was not always entertaining and traveling. In fact, his life took a different path before he decided to pursue music again.

Smith graduated from the University of Georgia in 2001. Though he had performed throughout his college years, it was not the immediate path he took. After college, Smith taught Social Studies at North Gwinnett High School.

"Teaching was a right decision because I knew I had made a difference. I still miss teaching around this time of the year especially since all the kids are going back to school," Smith said. "I enjoy teaching history and philosophy. I mean, I could see myself going back to teach again someday. It was definitely something I enjoyed doing."

The demands of his

domestic life and career soon followed. Smith wrote songs during this period as a therapeutic aid.

"I started performing again. Part of it came from teaching. I started playing for students on Fridays and they really liked it," Smith said. "Then I started playing a few times at coffee houses. It just kind of snowballed from singing a couple times a month to eventually consistent bookings."

The success of his debut album "Undertones" and the popularity of his sophomore album, "In The Mood," has garnered him recognition all over the Internet. Smith is currently ranked as the number one unsigned country artist on MySpace.com, and has sold over 385,000 downloads since May 2006.

Smith, though grateful for success, is aware of its ugly side.

"It's very cool to travel, eat good food, and just performing up there," Smith said. "But success doesn't make your problems go away, it just makes it take a different direction. Sometimes, it's the greatest thing in the world and other times I'm not so sure. It's a struggle especially since I don't get to see or spend that much time with my kids."

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Students fight high temperatures

BY KYLE COLLINS
SENIOR REPORTER

Imagine waiting for the shuttle or walking to class with a cool breeze and warm sunlight all around. Studying on front campus or playing a little ball with some friends sounds good on a pleasant summer afternoon.

However, as students head into the Fall semester, these images are reserved for the imagination only, because record heat indexes continue to cause students to sweat uncomfortably at GCSU. The weather affects students during school and leisure hours.

Dealing with the heat safely becomes important this time of year.

"Waiting those 10 or 15 minutes for the shuttle can be

rough," sophomore education major Whitney McCullough said. "I have to change clothes twice a day after I get a sweat shower."

The sweltering heat and humidity hits early in the morning and builds to a miserable crescendo at mid-afternoon. This weather makes any pool in Milledgeville a welcome retreat.

Those wanting to layout should prepare for an intense baking session complete with sauna-like perspiration.

High heat forces students to change their routines in order to stay out of the warmest part of the day.

Those who exercise outdoors need to consider their health. According to Dr. Mike Martino, associate professor of health education and exercise

science program coordinator, students involved in physical activity face a drastic rise in core temperature that causes an abnormal heart rate.

"You have to pay special attention to your body when the temperature is over 90 degrees," Martino said. "Wear light clothes and colors because they reduce the increase in core temperature."

Keeping your hair short and leaving the hat at the apartment will cool you down as well.

Senior cross country runner, Richard Dobson, knows the limiting effect of extreme temperatures. Dobson has to get acclimated to the heat so he can stay in shape for competition.

"The heat factor is huge because it takes away my options for training," Dobson said. "I usually try to run early


in the morning if possible."

Precautions must be taken to prevent injuries or heat exhaustion. If you become light headed or dizzy during physical activity, Martino advised to stop and hydrate.

Hydration along with proper nutrition helps reduce the chance of problems during the heat wave. A diet with good carbohydrates combined with fruits and vegetables should keep students healthy.

Another issue with the heat

HEAT Page 11



Health Facts

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Fact

- *Children, elderly, individuals on certain medication and people with medical conditions are at a higher risk of having a heat stroke.
- *If you are experiencing heavy sweating, dizziness and headaches you are more than likely suffering from heat exhaustion.
- *Dress in light, loose, cotton clothing. Natural fabrics like cotton are much cooler than synthetics.
- *Use SPF 15 or higher when outside.

Players plot murder, comedy

BY ERIN GISH
STAFF WRITER

"It's murder, intrigue and drama all wrapped into a ball of comedy," said Leigh Thompson, director of "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," which ran Aug. 23 to 26 in Russell Auditorium.

The John Bishop play was performed by The Milledgeville Players, the same group who appear in the Haunted Trolley Rides at Halloween each year and the Murder Mystery Dinners in late January.

The Players, made up of members from the Milledgeville community, as well as GCSU faculty and students, began in September 2000.

Dr. Thomas Toney, president of the Players and biology professor, described its beginning.

"The Continuing Education Program wanted to do a play involving the community, not just the school," Toney said.

The Players first performance was "Oklahoma." Several plays

later, the Players came across the script of "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940."

"As I was reading I just laughed out loud, and I don't typically do that when I read things to myself," said Toney, who not only produced the play but also appeared as Roger Hopewell, an eccentric composer.

Junior Erin Ebrite played the role of undercover Naval Officer, Nikki Crandall.

"No one is who they seem. There are a lot of secrets, and it's a comedy. It's something the audience can enjoy to watch that we enjoy to perform," Ebrite said.

Toney said that the Players' one concern was the stage craft. Revolving bookcases, secret passages and sliding doors seemed complicated to build, but the group felt capable.

Art history major and member of the Players' production team, Meghan Fleming, said she enjoyed working on the elaborate set. The historical aspect of

the play appealed to her most.

"I love the fact that it is set in the '40s" Fleming said. "Working with the music, set, costumes, makeup and people who lived then was really great."

Junior, April Argo, attended the opening performance.

"I thought it was really good, it was really funny," Argo said. "It was interesting to see some of our professors up there being humorous and in an environment we don't usually see them in."

After the opening, Director Leigh Thompson said the group did a great job.

"I was really pleased with the audience reactions; they loved it," Thompson said. "I'm hearing good things so I'm happy."

Anyone interested in upcoming shows or joining The Milledgeville Players can contact Toney at tom.toney@gcsu.edu or call 478-314-4054.



ERIN GISH / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Erin Ebrite, junior, played Nikki Crandall and Dr. Toney Thomas played Robert Hopewell in "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940", performed by The Milledgeville Players.

Heat

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is electrolyte loss. Sodium and potassium are vital electrolytes we sweat out during exertion.

Ways to combat dehydration include hydrating before you go outside. Martino said mixing half sports beverage and half water is the best choice.

Remember the body requires two weeks to acclimatize to the heat. A

gradual buildup of outside activity helps deal with the physical stress.

Dobson said students should use common sense when the temperature is this high.

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— Mike Martino, Faculty

"At the most I would tell students to run to the depot to do their cardio," Dobson

said. "Stay out of the heat when it's 95 and above."

Beware of alcohol consumption also. Alcohol dehydrates the body and becomes dangerous when the summer heat adds to the loss of bodily fluids.

Students can not be hydrated enough this time of year. Even though beating the heat all together has become impossible, taking it easy in the sun should help students manage until fall.



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Smith

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Since the past success of these two albums, Smith has had several opportunities to play at large and amazing venues such as the Classic Center and the House of Blues filling up thousands of seats. However, Smith still insists on playing at small venues such as Milledgeville and Statesboro.

"Milledgeville is one of my favorite places to play, and I'm not just saying that because I'll be playing there," Smith joked. "Milledgeville and Statesboro are fun venues because it's completely different. I've played in the House of Blues and other really nice, classy venues where you have these amazing dressing rooms and the place fills up with a couple thousand people, rock star stuff. But playing at smaller venues like Milledgeville is great

because it's kind of a tradition for me. The enthusiasm is just unparalleled." Amazingly, Smith has stayed grounded and states that he's not in it to conquer Nashville.

"I'm not in this business to get famous at all. I was content teaching, and the appeal of the radio isn't really that big of a deal to me. The image that comes with fame, that's all fake."

Fans need not worry though because Smith has just released his third album, "Hard-headed fool." It still showcases the same acoustic prowess that Smith is so admired for, and his lyrics are just as loyal to what the fans first fell in love with. It has also matured a lot more from the previous two album showcasing his song-writing talent as well as producing.

"It's a lot more mature than my previous works where it's about learning from your mistakes and growing up," explained Smith. "It also showcases

more of musical influences like southern rock, blues, and country."

Smith has said that his performances and travels always bring about experiences and lessons. While he may no longer be giving out tests or lecturing students, the teacher is still glad to give advice especially to those who are trying to make it in the music industry.

"This is going to sound kind of sad but if you don't think you've got what it takes to make it then don't do it," suggested Smith. "If you want to perform because you think you're going to get famous, then you're doing it for the wrong reasons. Go dig ditches. That's a lot easier than this business. But if you find yourself coming back to the music and playing, then obviously you love it. There's a deeper feeling to it than just getting famous and making money. You have to do it because you love doing it."

Corey's Top Ten

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2. Something to Lose
3. First Dance
4. In the Mood
5. If I Could Do It Again
6. Dope Boy Magic
7. Twenty-One
8. Too Good for Me
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Bobcat harriers set high goals for 2007



ABOVE: Senior Mike Demarest competes for the Bobcats in 2006.

Below: The Lady Bobcats huddle to prepare for a 2006 race.



BY ALI DUCKWORTH
STAFF WRITER

While the GCSU women's cross-country team began their 7 a.m. practice, Head Coach Joe Samprone discussed the upcoming season. Highlights include two major trips, returning record holders, and the anticipation of hosting a meet at GCSU within the next year.

"We have a very large team this year," Samprone said. "When you get to conference and regionals, you are limited to seven runners, some of the people are walk-ons, some of them are recruits, and some are returning folks from last year. We have always said that if anyone wants to try, come on out; we welcome walk-ons. As far as I'm concerned, if someone wants to come out, it doesn't hurt us to have more people running at practice. It's good for you. It's healthy."

As the nine-week season gets underway with the North Georgia College Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 1, GCSU is preparing its own course.

"We have a fine cross country course (that) we have been developing for the past two years here at West (Campus)," Samprone said. "I hope to host a meet here next year because the course is almost ready. It is going to be one of the nicer courses in the area. We are really proud and excited about it."

Each year the teams choose a far away meet to compete in. This year the men's team will be traveling to Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. to compete in the Dartmouth Invitational on Sept. 8, while the women will be flying to Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz. to compete in the Tiger Twilight Invitational on Oct. 6.

"While planning this year's schedule the women from last year said, 'Coach, we would like to go West,' and the guys said, 'Coach, we want to go where it's sort of wooded and natural,'" Samprone said. "As a side trip we are going to try to go to the White Mountains. The women wanted to go west and see the desert."

Samprone is very optimistic about the season.

"Last year we had a very good men's team and a very good women's team. Our top runners have returned, and we've got

some pretty good freshman that have arrived with a great deal of potential, so I am hoping that we'll have a better team this year."

Junior, Sarah Hakala, recorded GCSU's seventh best time in the women's 5K, last season with a time of 20:12 at the Peach Belt Conference Championships in Smith Station, Ala. Senior Richard Dobson, a two-time PBC Runner of the Week, also returned.

Samprone is "confident that Rich will repeat."

Last season Dobson posted the best men's 8K time in GCSU history at the PBC Championships when he recorded a 26:47, good enough for fourth overall.

"Rich is one of the most dedicated runners I have ever met," Samprone said. "He sets his goals high. When he first came in, he was learning the ropes, and his sophomore year he was our number one runner."

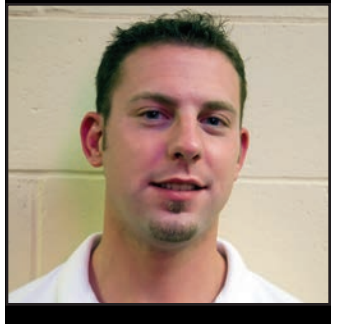
Dobson and the Bobcat harriers continue to set high goals.

"As a team I would like to (make nationals). We definitely want to win conference. We came (in) second last year, (and) we came (in) ninth in region. We want to come, I want to say, at least top five. I think there is no reason why we can't set our expectations high and achieve it."



SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE
Junior Sarah Hakala leads a pack of Bobcat harriers in a cross-country event last year. Hakala returns as this year's No. 1 runner.

The Season PASS



BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SPORTS EDITOR

On Aug. 4, 2007, the GCSU community lost a valuable member of its society.

John Bruner was not only a promising cross-country runner, but also a student entering into his sophomore year, a friend and a family member.

John was obviously in impeccable condition. He recorded an outstanding time of 29:08 in the Peach Belt Conference Championships last season, good enough for a twentieth overall finish.

John, however, had a failing heart. He never knew about his condition that according to Dr. Stan Aldridge, GCSU's athletics director, is very rare.

While competing in a 4.7 mile charity race in Chattanooga, Tenn., John suffered a heart attack brought on by an abnormal coronary artery.

This begs the question, should such a condition have been found by annual physical exams that all GCSU athletes undergo? Athletes who compete at a level that requires them to be in top physical condition, just as John was assumed to have been in.

Aldridge said that would have been nearly impossible.

"The percentage of having something like that happen is just minute," Aldridge said. "The test you would have to do to detect that would be cost prohibited. It's almost impossible to test everybody to make sure that would not happen."

All NCAA athletes go through what Aldridge describes as very thorough physical examinations. If anything unusual is found, that athlete will then go through more specific testing.

Aldridge said that there have been cases where as many as 15 to 20 student-athletes have been unable to compete due to health problems found in the physical examinations.

Obviously that information shows that the examinations are doing their job in nearly every case.

Unfortunately there are the rare and tragic cases such as John Bruner's.

May John live on in our memories at GCSU. And we hope that rare conditions such as his are easier and more affordable to detect in the near future.

Soccer visits Bahamas, picked fourth in PBC

BY JOURDAN HAMILTON
STAFF WRITER

"We are one team-UNITED- we play as one."

That is the bold statement written on the shirts of the GCSU women's soccer team and that is the mentality they will take into the regular season.

The team is ranked 4th which is the highest pre-season Peach Belt Conference ranking the GCSU soccer team has had.

A large contributing factor behind the team's sense of unity is the trip they took to the Bahamas this summer. The trip was more than a vacation; it gave the team a chance to improve team bonds.

"The team really enjoyed it. It gave us a chance to continue team training and team building activities. The traveling process itself also builds the 'team,'" said Coach Parr.

Besides improving their tans and taking snorkeling trips, the ladies also had a

chance to play different teams from the area.

"We played well against the Bahamians and the games gave us a chance to see different styles of play and solve in-game problems that we're not used to seeing," said Parr.

The players also recognized the positive impact the trip to the Caribbean had on their team.

"The Bahamas was fun and it was good to get away and do something different. It also gave our team the opportunity to see how individual players would contribute to our team," reflected senior Jess McGuinness.

"Playing in the Bahamas showed us who was who on our team," said sophomore Daria Owen.

Knowing and being comfortable with your team is especially important to GCSU soccer because of the expectations they are bringing this season.

"We are looking for our strongest and best season



SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE
Coach Parr and the Lady Bobcats do more than soak up the sun in their team-building exercises on their Bahamas trip. The team enters the season with the highest expectations the young program has ever had, including a No. 4 ranking in the Peach Belt Conference.

yet," said Parr.

This is the first year that the soccer team has had returning seniors who played all four years in this program. So team leadership should be at an all time high.

Team captain Britney Emerson returns this year as well as all-time GCSU leading scorer Hayley

Ferrell.

Emily Norris also returns as the all-time GCSU assists leader and big things are expected from players like Erica Kolodin and Beth Coughlin.

"This is the best team I've been on here, and even all through high school. And I think this is the most pas-

sionate freshman class we have had," said McGuinness.

How are the ladies handling all the preseason hype and high team expectations?

"It sets a standard for us," said Owen. "Pressure can be good as long as we allow it to motivate us."

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GCSU Athlete of the Week

Hayley Ferrell



The Junior was announced as the first GCSU Athlete of the Week for the 2007-2008 season. Ferrell scored two goals this past week to continue being the school's active leader in points (34), goals (17) and game-winners (6). The award honored the top performance by a Bobcat for the week ending August 26, and is a first for her.

Former Bobcat eyes bigs

BY MATT BAUM
STAFF WRITER

After pitching in only five games in the Rookie League for the Kingston Mets in Tennessee, scouts in the New York Mets' farm system decided former GCSU pitcher, Michael Antonini, needed a bigger challenge.

On July 27, 2007, Antonini left Kingston and moved to the historic baseball community of Brooklyn to pitch for the Cyclones in the Class A Short Season league. After striking out 18 batters in 17 innings in Kingsport, Antonini has continued his success in Brooklyn, allowing only one run on six hits in his first 11 innings as a Cyclone.

College success does not always mean success in the minor leagues, and few players display the kind of preparation Antonini has in his first few months of professional baseball.

"The adjustment so far has been pretty good," Antonini told Inside Pitch Magazine in July. "The coaches I had in the past kept preparing us for this level, how to conduct ourselves and to play at this level. I haven't been shocked by anything or seen anything unexpected."

Baseball talent comes in all shapes and sizes. From the 6-foot-4-inch power hitting first baseman, to the 5-foot-6-inch 130 pound shortstop, there is no such thing as a sure thing.

With an intimidating 6-foot-2-inch frame and a durable left arm that can throw strikes in the low 90s, Antonini may be close.

"We were lucky to get Michael because Virginia Commonwealth made him a good offer," said GCSU Head Coach, Chris Calciano, the 2006 Peach Belt Conference Coach of the Year, when reflecting on the challenge of landing a prospect like Antonini in 2005. "He was a big recruit for them because they needed a left-hander."

Traditionally, being a left-handed pitcher gives a player a distinct advantage because of the match-up problems they create for opposing teams. But to say Antonini has gotten where he is because he is left-handed would be a gross understatement.

"His best quality was that he was a winner and a smart pitcher," says former GCSU player, Nick Waldrup, whose last season coincided with Antonini's first and most impressive season in terms of

Michael Antonini



Key stats during GCSU career

2006	2007
11 Wins	7 Wins
1 Loss	6 Losses
2.93 ERA	3.97 ERA
101.1 IP	90.2 IP
63 Strikeouts	89 Strikeouts

statistics. In 2006, Antonini went an astounding 11-1 with a 2.93 ERA. He pitched over 101 innings, 20 more than any other Bobcat pitcher.

"He had a good balance of talent and work ethic," says Calciano. "He was a quiet leader by example and was very diligent and had a very professional demeanor."

The road from the minor leagues to the majors can be long and difficult. It took right-hander Buddy Carlyle of the Atlanta Braves three years to make the major leagues and then he went eight years in between major league starts, all while staying in shape in the minors and overseas.

"To make the major leagues, a lot has to happen and fall into place," says Calciano. "But he has a shot," the coach added, "He's a left-hander and he's got velocity."

Michael Antonini has achieved success pitching at nearly every level. His intention when he came to GCSU was to help the team win a national title. Although that dream was never realized, Antonini still managed to help the Bobcats to consecutive PBC titles and numerous postseason awards. It isn't easy to say whether Antonini can make it to the highest level of baseball, but it must bode well for him that the future is about as impossible to predict as his change-up.

Flag football set to kick off

BY MITCHELL DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

GCSU intramurals are back, and kicking off the year with flag football. Team captains met Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2007, to discuss rules, regulations and the all-important team name. College students show their humor and creativity with names. This year team names include: Team Cheese-It, Free Ron Mexico, Three and A Half Inch Floppy.

"Watch out. Foundation is about to bring it!" said senior mass communication major Laura Palmer.

Palmer is captain of Flippin Sweet, one of this

year's freshman teams and is a resident assistant in Foundation Hall.

Senior history major, Derek Chitwood, played for White Out, the defending men's A-league championship team. He has a confident outlook this year.

"We expect to play as good as we possibly can and win every game, be competitive and have as much fun as possible," said Chitwood.

For freshman teams wondering where to begin in the complicated realm of flag football plays and schemes, Chitwood recommends coming out to the intramural fields and

watching veteran teams like White Out.

Flag football is divided into men's, women's and co-recreational leagues. The co-recreational league gives guys and girls a chance to play together. The men's A-league boasts 14 teams and the women's A-league has eight.

The men's B-league has 41 teams and the co-recreational and women's B-league both have 20 teams.

In all, 103 competitors have entered their names in the proverbial "Goblet of Fire" this year for intramurals. But only five will walk away as champions.

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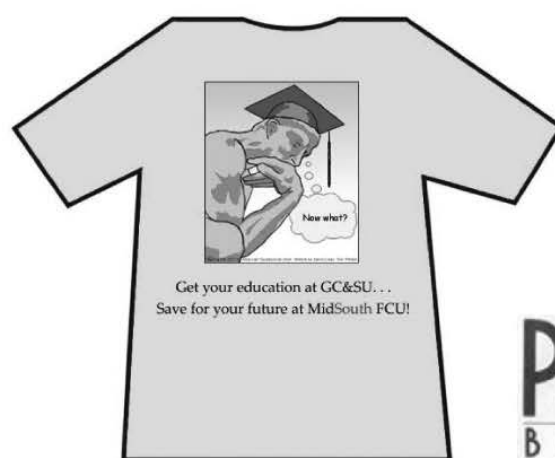
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